

## Medicare/Medicaid: Proposed New Rules For Civil Monetary Penalties.

On July 12, 2010 the US Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced proposed new regulations to modify the process for imposing and collecting civil monetary penalties from skilled nursing facilities and nursing facilities found guilty by state or Federal inspectors of noncompliance with Federal patient-care standards.

The proposed new regulations are meant to carry out CMS's new regulatory responsibilities set forth in the recently-enacted health care reform bill. The proposed regulations are not mandatory at this time. CMS will be accepting public comments until August 11, 2010.

CMS's July 12, 2010 announcement from the Federal Register is on our website at <http://www.nursinglaw.com/CMS071210.pdf>.

The proposed new regulations begin on Federal Register page 39649.

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